

OPPOSE FOUR BATTLESHIPS

The Senate Has Petition From Clergymen

ONE SHIP, THEY BELIEVE

Should Be the Program—Move to Have Life Savers' Pay Increased—Favorable Report on Bill Relating to Judges' Retirement.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—A petition against the proposed increase of the navy by the expenditure of over \$60,000,000 for four new battleships was laid before the Senate yesterday by Senator Hale, chairman of the committee on naval affairs. The petition is signed by Bishop Henry C. Potter of New York and other clergymen, who desire the naval program limited to one battleship.

MORE PAY FOR LIFE-SAVERS.

Loving Bill to Be Reported Follows Suggestion of President Roosevelt.

The House committee on interstate and foreign commerce yesterday voted to report favorably the lowering bill providing for the increased pay of employees of the life-saving service. The bill accords with recommendations made by the president in a recent message to Congress.

RETIREMENT OF JUDGES.

Measure Giving Full Pay to Those Serving Ten Years in Federal Court.

The retirement on full pay of any judge of a United States court who has held his commission for at least ten years and reached the age of seventy years is provided in a bill introduced by Senator Knox, which was reported favorably yesterday by the Senate committee on judiciary.

CANNON OVERRULES COMMITTEE.

Speaker Sustains Point of Order Against Resolution by Daisell.

The almost unheard of procedure of Speaker Cannon overruling his own committee on rules caused surprise in the House of Representatives yesterday. Through Mr. Daisell of Pennsylvania, the committee reported a resolution providing for an investigation into the subject of peonage in the southern states. Mr. Mann of Illinois objected that the report was not privileged and the speaker sustained him. Mr. William of Mississippi sought to secure unanimous consent for the consideration of the resolution, but at the suggestion of Mr. Daisell, it was recommitted.

DRIVEN FROM SEAS.

Our Merchant Flag Has Very Nearly Disappeared.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Speaking in favor of the passage of the ocean mail subsidy bill in the Senate yesterday, Senator Gallinger reviewed conditions under which the merchant marine of this country is operating and cited many advantages that he believed would accrue to the commercial interests of the United States if better mail facilities to South American and other ports are established.

Compers Urges Anti-Injunction Bill.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Samuel Compers, president of the American Federation of Labor, appeared before the House judiciary committee yesterday to speak for the Peares bill.

Drinking Men Not Wanted

The above sign is now seen in many shops and offices in this city, because drinking men are unreliable. Competition is too keen and life is too strenuous for an employer to keep men on his payroll whose nerves are unsteady and whose brains are not clear. Every line of business is beginning to close its doors to drinking men. Drunkenness is a disease and like most diseases, has its remedy. Orlene is the reliable treatment and is sold under a positive guarantee to effect a cure or your money will be refunded. Orlene is in two forms; No. 1, which can be used without the patient's knowledge in tea, coffee or food; and No. 2, for those who wish to be cured. This guarantee applies to both forms. Mailed in plain sealed package on receipt of \$1.00. Write for free booklet, mailed in plain sealed envelope. The Orlene Co., Washington, D. C., or Rickett & Wells, Barre, Vt.

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Kidney Trouble—I had kidney trouble. A friend recommended Hood's Sarsaparilla. I tried one bottle and found it was better, took three more and recovered. BENJ. LEVINE, 59 Village Street, Boston, Mass.

Saunders—I had a severe case of jaundice and fell from 145 to 90 lbs. in weight. A friend advised taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and when I had taken three bottles was up and on my feet. JOSEPH LEWIN, 19 Alpine Street, Boston, Mass.

FORTUNE FOUND IN AN OLD MANSION.

Workmen Tearing Down House for New Owner, Find Papers Worth \$100,000.

Budapest, Feb. 25.—In demolishing the dilapidated mansion of the counts of Forgach in Rauschan street, workmen found beneath the base of one of the pillars of the entrance hall a small wooden box wrapped in decaying rags. It was taken to the owner of the property, who recently bought the old mansion to tear it down and build a modern residence on the site. He opened the box and found that it contained bonds and other securities with a present value of \$500,000 crowns (\$100,000).

In the bundle of securities is an Austrian states debt bond. It is numbered 32,518, with the coupons from 1831 to 1872 intact. Six more bonds of the same issue were in the bundle with the coupons attached. Other government bonds and bonds of two railways were also in the package.

Some of the bonds were in an envelope dated May, 1865, addressed to Mme. Fanny Boche. Investigation by the police shows that a woman of that name lived in the city of Vienna, half a century ago, and was the mistress of Baron Boche, president of the council of administration during the premiership of Minister Bach. The authorities have advertised for the heirs of Mme. Boche to appear and present proof of the claims. In event of their non-appearance, the fortune will pass to the new purchaser of the old mansion.

VOORHEES PLEA NOT GUILTY.

Former Governor Charged With Perjury.

New York, Feb. 25.—Counsel for Foster W. Voorhees, former governor of New Jersey, and Frank Connelley, who were indicted on charges of perjury, pleaded not guilty before Judge Dowling yesterday. Right to withdraw the plea of demurrer to the indictment within a week reserved. The charges are based on reports to the state insurance department made by the accused several years ago, while acting as officers of the Bankers' Life Insurance company.

St. Johnsbury Basket Ball Plans.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 25.—The stockholders of Company D, basket ball association met Saturday evening and elected directors who chose the following officers: President, John Rickett; secretary-treasurer, W. E. Wood. The manager and players of last year have been requested to serve again. Stock to the amount of \$400 was sold.

ENGLISH ETCHINGS.

At meetings of the British cabinet no official record of any kind is kept of the proceedings.

England is the only country where members of parliament are not only unpaid, but have no special rights or privileges.

Saturday is the busy day of the London dromen. In ten years London had 3,393 Saturday fairs against 3,062 on Monday, the day they were least frequent.

Six terrapin taken recently to the Carlton hotel, in London, aroused great curiosity, the newspapers referring to them as "six interesting American guests."

Pith and Point.

Some men are able to do nothing well except eat, sleep and find fault. It is easy for the man who isn't interested to tell the man who is to hope. When you give a man a "dig," remember that he will probably "get even." Men harbor grudges. Blessings on polite people! People admire those more than they admire the rich and the great. And how easy it is to be polite. When we are in trouble, some people can say, "Isn't it too bad?" and make us madder than though they should say, "I'm glad of it."—Archibald Globe.

Editorial Flings.

It might be a good thing to cross alms with the homing pigeons.—Cleveland Leader.

Japan will also hold a world's fair. The Japs don't seem to care how much they owe.—Tokyo Capital.

Wall street is a necessity, says one writer. Yes, and necessity, the old proverb tells, knows no law.—Chicago Journal.

Scarcely has the public learned to pronounce the name of one Japanese ambassador with confidence before another is due.—Washington Star.

How He Was Buried. A man returned to his native village after having emigrated to Kansas some twenty years previous. He asked about different villagers he had known in the old days and finally of the town drunkard of his time.

"Oh, he's dead," was the reply.

"Well, well! Dead and buried, is he?"

"Nope. They didn't bury him."

"Didn't bury him?" exclaimed the former resident. "Well, then, what did they do with him?"

"Oh, they just poured him back to the jug!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

HELP FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Coastwise Shipping Laws to be Repealed

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

By Secretary of War Taft's Suggestion—The Foreign Vessels Are Needed as Carriers.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—It is expected that the committee on the Philippines, of which Senator Lodge is chairman, will soon report a bill repealing the application of the coastwise laws for the Philippine islands. This is a subject of particular interest to New England concerns, especially with reference to the hemp industry. It was thought originally, when the Philippines came under American jurisdiction, that a development of American shipbuilding would follow which would permit the inclusion of the islands within the scope of the coastwise laws, and in view of this hope, Congress has suspended the operation of the laws for three-year periods. New England manufacturers have been instrumental in securing this respite, because of the reasonable freight rates they could secure through foreign competition in the carrying trade. It is now evident that American shipbuilding will not for a long time feel a stimulus from the acquisition of the Philippines, and with the prospect that little if any important ship subsidy legislation will be enacted by Congress, it has been decided to remove all trade barriers permanently, leaving only the tariff to interfere with the development of commerce. This action is taken in accordance with a recent suggestion of Secretary Taft.

INVESTIGATING CHARGES.

Prompt Action by Committee of the Press Gallery of Congress.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—At two o'clock yesterday afternoon the standing committee of the press gallery, of which Matthew Spahn is chairman, began an investigation into the charges made by Representative Lilley of Connecticut against two newspaper correspondents in connection with submarine legislation. These men were suspended yesterday in accordance with the unwritten rule of the gallery to suspend accused men immediately and demand that the accused substantiate or withdraw his charges. This action is taken without prejudice to the correspondents involved, but in this case it is important as constituting the only real investigation of the charges of Representative Lilley that has been undertaken. One of its possible results might be to force the House to act. Mr. Lilley has been invited to meet the press committee. The rules of the press gallery provide that any correspondent shall be interested as agents or representatives of any person or corporation in any legislation pending before Congress. The language of the rules is broad enough to prohibit even a press agency.

Representative Lilley has been asked by the committee on rules of the House, of which the speaker is chairman, to submit a brief covering the allegations contained in his resolution. He has promised to submit this today.

Lilley Presents Formal Charges.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Representative Lilley of Connecticut yesterday presented to the House committee on rules formal charges that the Electrical Boat company had used wrongful methods to obtain legislation.

He declared that he could prove the charges, and that several Washington writers might be implicated.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR BOURNE.

He Was Instructor of History at Yale University.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 25.—Professor Edward Charles Bourne, professor of history at Yale university, died yesterday afternoon after a long illness. He was one of the best-known teachers of history in the country and had written many historical works.

Evelyn Fears Danger at Thaw's Hands.

New York, Feb. 25.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw has been advised by a famous oculist that if practically would be safe to go to Europe to return to Harry K. Thaw, she has been told that her life is in danger if Thaw is given his freedom, his mental disease, in its development, will lead to a second tragedy.

SKIN CURE A SIMPLE WASH.

External Remedy For Eczema Sufferers Greatly Simplifies The Treatment.

If you are suffering from any burning itching skin disease, the only way to cure it is to go right after the real trouble—to cure the skin itself. Thousands of patients have suffered for months in vain attempts to doctor their blood when the whole trouble was tucked feeling upon the skin and causing the unsightly blotches and sores.

Skin specialists now prescribe a simple liquid wash, easy to apply, which gives instant relief. This remedy is composed of oil of wintergreen to which are added healing vegetable remedies. Oil of wintergreen alone will not cure but a co-ter of experts in Chicago, headed by a noted specialist, experimented with other medicinal properties until they found the proper preparation. The result of their efforts is called D. D. D. Prescription, a cure specific for the cure of skin diseases.

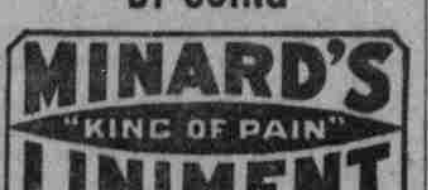
Here is only one instance of what D. D. D. Prescription has done: "My little girl's head was a running sore. D. D. D. Prescription has cured her sound and well."—E. L. Hipp, Fall Campbell, Ala.

If you are suffering from any skin disease, would it not pay you to try one bottle of D. D. D. Prescription? You probably have spent many times the cost of one bottle vainly trying to stop that awful burning itching. Rickett & Wells, Barre, Vt. Call at our store for a free booklet on the uses and merits of D. D. D. Prescription. This valuable booklet is absolutely free.

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CLAIMS TAFT HAS

G. O. P. COMMITTEE.

Manager Says the National Organization Is For the Secretary of War.

New York, Feb. 25.—A Washington dispatch says:

"You may say unqualifiedly that the Republican national committee is for Taft."

This statement is given for publication here by one of the Taft managers. It is based on a quiet but complete canvass that has included the whole country. The canvassers have communicated directly with the committeemen, they say.

There are 266 southern delegates to be placed, and they are the key of the whole situation. The "allies" may be accredited so far with about 300 delegates, granting that all the favorite sons remain in the race and allowing them 50 in New England—which is an arbitrary figure. This leaves about 100 delegates to be picked up by the allies before they can make good a claim to the majority of delegates.

Taft had calculated upon the support of the solid South, but there has been developments enough in that region to show that now he must fight for every inch of the ground he gets, and must contend with the negro vote.

The national committee, it is true, may be overruled by the convention; but if matters should reach such a pass as that, the prestige of any candidate nominated by the convention would be seriously affected.

JOHNSON NOT DODGING DUTY.

He Isn't a Candidate for Anything; But Would Respond to Call.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 25.—Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota said here, "I am not the candidate for third term as governor of Minnesota, or for any other office." Governor Johnson, however, did not say he would not be a candidate for the presidency if called upon. The presidential nomination must come to him, and if it should come he would feel it his duty to respond.

ATTEMPT TO SINK

SUBMARINE IS REVEALED.

Salt Water Let Into Boat by Opening of Four Valves—Loss Is Estimated at \$22,000 to Batteries.

Bridport, Feb. 25.—Information was given out by President Simon Lake of the Lake Torpedo Boat company, yesterday to the effect that recently an attempt was made to sink the submarine torpedo boat Lake, while it was at an anchorage here. The statement of Mr. Lake follows:

"An attempt has been made to sink the submarine torpedo boat Lake. Sea water was let into the interior of the boat by opening four valves. Her condition was discovered before she had entirely sunk. The loss to her storage batteries, which were damaged by salt water that flooded the battery deck. There is no insurance. The vessel was being tuned up for submission to the navy department for a test. Pinkerton and local detectives are at work on the case. This is the second attempt to wreck Lake submarine."

Mr. Lake has declined to give out any further information. It has been learned that the alleged attempt to sink the craft occurred about a fortnight ago in the night time. The submarine cost \$200,000.

OFFICER ARRESTS

HIS OWN BROTHERS.

They Were Found in Gang Alleged to Have Looted Doctor's House.

New York, Feb. 25.—Through a Spartan-like course pursued by Patrolman William Scherer of the Queens police office, who followed what he believed to be his duty, even though it implicated two of his own brothers, the Brooklyn police arrested six youths in connection with the robbery of the home of Dr. Edwin T. Randall, at 139 Hancock street.

One of the persons taken into custody was 17-year-old Anthony Scherer, office boy for the physician, who told a story of being gagged and bound to a chair by the robbers. The police recovered property worth \$1,800 stolen from the house.

Anthony is a brother of Policeman William Scherer. Reinhard Scherer, 25 years old, one of those taken into custody, is also his brother.

At police headquarters, Seibert confessed. It is said that the gang, on information furnished by Anthony Scherer, had gone to the house, and being let in, Anthony showed them where the articles of value were kept. After they used gathered the loot together, according to Seibert's story, they bound and gagged Anthony, so that he might not be suspected of having been a party to the robbery.

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BALTIC ISSUE SETTLED?

Russia Yields to the Other Powers

WILL NOT FORTIFY ALAND

Belgium Is Again Stirred Up Over the Congo Matter—Leopold Wants a Special Fund, Under His Control.

Copenhagen, Feb. 25.—It is understood in diplomatic circles that as a result of pressure from other powers Russia has abandoned her plan of fortifying the Aland Islands and that an entente preserving the status quo on the Baltic soon will be arranged.

CONGO PROBLEM AGAIN SERIOUS.

Leopold, It Is Said, Takes Back Promises.

Brussels, Feb. 25.—The situation about the annexation to Belgium of the Congo Independent state is again assuming a disquieting aspect. It is said that King Leopold has taken back all his fair promises and now demands that the special fund which was to replace the Crown Domain be placed under his control and not under that of Parliament as originally agreed. He asks also that \$500,000 be placed at his disposal to carry out various projects. It is understood that the government is firmly resisting these demands and is determined, if necessary, to resign. As King Leopold could not under such circumstances find anyone to form a new ministry, it is pointed out that this would mean elections which would be bound to result in the return of a majority most hostile to the king. The Petit Bleu admits that there were exchanges in the last few days between King Leopold and Premier Schollaert on the questions of annexation, but says they have not resulted in a settlement of the matter owing to inability to agree upon special works to be executed out of the revenue from the special fund. The paper denies that a ministerial crisis is imminent.

ASQUITH LIKELY TO BE PREMIER.

Little Chance That Campbell-Bannerman Will Be Able to Resume.

London, Feb. 25.—The health of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the prime minister is improving, but slowly. There is not the slightest hope that he will be able to resume active leadership before Easter, even if then, and the party is beginning to take for granted the probability of Herbert A. Asquith as premier. This would be an important development in many ways, for Mr. Asquith is the leader of the Imperialist section of the cabinet, whereas Sir Henry leads the Radical section, which is committed to home rule and other advanced measures. Since Mr. Asquith holds the influential position of chancellor of the exchequer, his appointment as premier would give his party enormous strength, which might result in some modifications of the policy of the cabinet, as a whole. But rumors that the premier has already offered to resign are unfounded.

CHURCH CATERERS TO BABIES.

Innovation in Chicago—Every Provision Made For Comfort of Infants.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Rev. John A. Earl invites babies specially to the Belden avenue Baptist church and has made every provision for their comfort, even to providing nursing bottles and the like to keep them quiet while their mothers are listening to the sermon. The scheme inaugurated by Rev. Mr. Earl is an innovation so far as Chicago is concerned. The preacher hopes to have from a dozen to thirty babies present every Sunday. One of the church parsonages has been fitted up as a nursery. It is presided over by forty young women, who work in relays of ten at each service.

A GREAT YERKES HOSPITAL.

Widow of Traction Magnate Plans Splendid Gift to Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Mary Adelaide Yerkes, widow of Charles T. Yerkes, the Chicago financier and traction magnate, announced yesterday that it was her desire to devote a portion of her \$100,000 estate to the erection of a magnificent hospital in Chicago. It is Mrs. Yerkes' desire herself to design the hospital. The income from the property for the erection of at least one of the group of buildings during her lifetime. The erection of the rest of the group and the necessary endowment for the entire institution will be provided for in her will.

A RECORD-BREAKER.

Last Year's Sales of Hyomei, the Guaranteed Cure for Catarrh, Larger Than Ever.

The merits of Hyomei (the treatment that cures catarrh without stomach dosing) its popularity and growth, are unique in the annals of medicine. So pronounced is the relief and cure following the use of this treatment that it has been publicly recommended by leading druggists and physicians in nearly every state and town in the country, with the result that last year's sales were larger than ever.

The fact that Hyomei is so simple and complete, and that it cures by breathing medicated air and not taking drugs into the stomach, no doubt has helped to create this wide-spread and rapidly increasing army of friends.

The way in which it has been sold by the Red Cross pharmacy has undoubtedly aided greatly its introduction in Chicago. They are such firm believers in the power of Hyomei to cure all catarrhal troubles that they urge people to use it with the understanding that the cost will be refunded to anyone who is not benefited by the treatment. You do not risk a cent in testing the healing virtues of Hyomei, for the Red Cross pharmacy takes all the risk of its giving satisfaction and leave you to be the judge.

MANCHURIA EVENTS

STIR CHINA TO ACT.

Conference at Mukden Called in the Fear of Further Political Surprises.

Peking, Feb. 25.—A conference on the existing situation in Mukden during the first week of March, when the governors of the three provinces comprising Manchuria will meet Hsu Shih Chang, the viceroy of Manchuria.

Tang Shao Yi, the governor of Mukden, has been summoned to come to Peking immediately after this conference.

The reason for this step is that China is apprehensive of further political surprises in Manchuria. She is mystified by the situation there, especially by the possibility of the establishment of various municipal governments under Russian control.

During the past few weeks Japan has reorganized the administration of the Liaoting peninsula. Among other things she has given the railroad officials limited authority over the consular officials. Since the opening of the Chientao boundary dispute, conflicts have arisen between China and Russia and between China and Japan over two additional points in the matter of trespassing upon China's sovereignty in Manchuria, namely, the question of railroad extension and that of establishing independent municipalities, and China, in calling the above mentioned meeting at Mukden is trying to decide on a course of action.

GERMANY MENACE TO PEACE.

Equality of The Men Denied, Says Dr. Hirach.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—"Germany has become a menace to the peace of the civilized world," declared Dr. Emil G. Hirach at Sinai Temple Sunday. "The nation has lent a willing ear to the doctrine denying the equality of men. So far has that pernicious doctrine taken root that now it is a settled conviction among the strong men of the nation that even those born in that country are not real Germans unless they have Teutonic blood in their veins. The doctrine is the offspring of selfish and ungodly minds. This selfish doctrine has started to spread to America, and too often we hear the cry 'America for Americans' from the very ones whose fathers and mothers were emigrants."

America has fought the world the great lesson that man is free to govern himself, but not to grant himself license. Liberty before the birth of America meant unbridled license, hurrying nations and men to destruction and deluge of blood. Washington and Lincoln inspire confidence in our nation. A nation which has produced them can never die if their example is remembered."

Many of these stories were regarded as fictitious in Chicago, and until Cooper actually reached this city little attention was paid to them. Hardly had the young man arrived, however, than he began demonstrations, as he calls them, in public, and daily met people afflicted with deafness, and with a single application of one of his preparations actually made deaf people hear again.

In addition to this work Cooper advanced the theory that stomach trouble was the foundation of nine out of ten diseases, and claimed to have a preparation that would restore the stomach to working order and thus get rid of such troubles as rheumatism and affections of the kidneys and liver in about two weeks' time.

This statement seems to have been borne out by the remarkable results obtained through the use of this preparation, and now all Chicago is apparently mad over the young man.

His headquarters resemble a veritable stampede. Thousands of people are visiting him each day, and the druggists are selling his medicines in enormous quantities.

What seems to make Cooper still more popular is the fact that he practices extensive charitable work, and has already dispensed a small fortune among the poor of this city.

How long the tremendous interest in Cooper will last is hard to estimate. At present there seems to be no sign of a let-up. Physicians claim it to be a fact that will die out as soon as Cooper leaves.

In justice to him, however, it must be said that he already seems to have accomplished a great deal for the sick of this city with his preparations.

MORSE'S PLEA STANDS.

The Date Will Now Be Set for His Trial.

New York, Feb. 25.—Philip J. Britt of counsel for Charles W. Morse yesterday asked Justice Dowling for leave to inspect the minutes of the special grand jury which returned two indictments against Morse on charges of larceny. Decision was reserved. Yesterday was the date set for Morse to either change or withdraw his plea of not guilty to the indictments, but the plea was neither withdrawn nor changed and a date will now be set for a trial.

"CANNED MUSIC" UPHELD.

Not Violation of The Copyright Law.

Washington, Feb. 25.—In an opinion by Justice Day, the supreme court of the United States yesterday decided the case of the White-Smith Music Publishing company of Massachusetts vs. the Apollo company, a New Jersey corporation, involving the question whether copyrighted music is protected against reproduction on perforated paper for use in pianolas and similar instruments, in favor of the Apollo company. The case originated in the United States circuit court for the southern district of New York. The view of the United States circuit court of appeals was accepted by the supreme court, which, as announced by Justice Day, was that as the perforated sheets can only be made serviceable in connection with the machine in which they are used, and cannot be read, the reproduction of music in this manner is not a violation of the copyright.

SENATORS IN ROME LOCKED UP AT NASI TRIAL.